

11 March 2021

Dear Parents

I would like to begin by saying how impressed we have been with our students this week. It has been a pleasure to see them all. It has no doubt been a challenging week for Year 13 who are undergoing their assessments and we wish them luck for the remaining days. Year 11 have been back in the classroom and clearly enjoying each other's company and having the run of the school. But the real highlight has been seeing the mature and calm approach that all the boys have demonstrated when coming in for their testing this week. It is only right to also pay tribute to the army of testers who have been superb in their support of the process.

Get involved - Make the difference for our boys

This is the strapline for the Parent Association's Crowdfund. Rather than me trying to summarise here, please can I urge you all to visit the link and if you are able to support the school, we would be incredibly grateful, please do have a look [here](#). The PA have worked incredibly hard on this project and it is essential support for the School. Thank you.

A note of caution - when you fill in payment details at the checkout, there is a box on the right-hand side of the page inviting you to add a supplementary 'tip' to the fundraising company's COVID fund. It defaults to 15% - which you may or may not wish to add. It is easy to put 0 in the box if you simply wish to donate to the RGS cause.

Home testing

By this time next week all students will have completed their third lateral flow test at school. Once the third test is complete the students will start their home testing. This [link](#) will take you to the home testing letter which I would urge you to read. I will just highlight a few key points:

- All students should do their home testing on a Sunday and Wednesday evening (with the exception of Year 13 next week (see letter for details).
- All test results must be recorded on the Government [website](#) and on the School's Microsoft Form [here](#).
- If a positive result:
 - please contact attendance@rgshw.com
 - self-isolate, including household members, and book a PCR test. Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
 - School will commence close contact tracing
- If it is a void result
 - repeat the test
 - if the repeat test is void, then treat and record as a positive result and follow the instructions above
 - if the repeat test is negative, then treat and record as a negative result
- If it is a negative result:
 - continue as usual, provided you remain asymptomatic

Returning to School

Please find attached [here](#) the assembly that was shared with students yesterday, explaining day to day issues that your son will encounter on his return to School. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email Mrs Forster who will be very happy to help you - hmf@rgshw.com

Bouncing back

As we return, various events are going back into the calendar including next term's Jazz in the Quad and in the Autumn term the Sportsman's Dinner and the Bat Oar Ball, to name but three. Speaking of events there are still a few places left for the online Sushi Evening. This is being run for the second time due to the great success of the first event. Please do support the School by attending. Tickets and further information can be viewed [here](#).

Parental Microsoft Teams assignment summary – weekly email

From Sunday 14 March, parents will receive a weekly email from Microsoft Office 365 summarising the assignments which have been set and handed in by boys on Teams. You should receive the email by 6.00am every Sunday. It will succinctly show what work has been set as an assignment on Teams and when it is due in. It will also show whether that work has been handed in or not, which we hope will provide a useful stimulus for parental conversations with sons about their work. This email is intended as a tool to increase parental awareness of what work has been set and submitted by boys on Teams. We have implemented the scheme following a limited trial with Year 7 parents which resulted in very positive feedback and our consequent decision to make this facility available to all parents.

Kind regards

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